

Accomplishments Of I. W. C. Reviewed

Reviewing accomplishments of Illinois Woman's College during the past year and facing with confidence and enthusiasm the great development program the college has launched, President Clarence P. McClelland presented his annual report at commencement exercises this morning.

Dr. McClelland's report covered the college in all departments. It was brought out that the enrollment is growing rapidly.

The annual report in part follows: A few paragraphs dealing with some of the more familiar past activities having been eliminated for publication.

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This spring we have received the resignations of Miss Florence E. Kellogg, professor of education; Miss Meribah Moore, teacher of voice; Miss Helen Ost, instructor in art and Miss Ruth M. Wallace, instructor of chemistry. Miss Ethyl Keller of this year's graduating class has been appointed to fill the vacancy left by Miss Ost. Miss Keller has done excellent work as an undergraduate in this department. Recently, she brought honor to her college, as well as to herself, in having one of her water color paintings accepted in the Seventh International Water Color Exhibit at the Art Institute in Chicago. Miss Margaret Estinger, who has been engaged to teach chemistry, received her M. S. degree from Ohio State University and for the past two years has been a successful instructor at Athens College, Athens, Ala.

Professor Mary Johnston will spend the summer studying in Italy. Professor Beatrice Teague will also study abroad this summer, spending most of her time in Paris.

It is important for us to keep in mind that all of our teachers need periods for special study at universities in order that they may keep in touch with the latest developments in their respective fields. The time should come when they will be granted leaves of absence, extending for at least one semester every five or six years.

The salaries of our full professors have been steadily advancing at the rate of \$100 per year for the last four years. It is hoped that this rate of increase will continue for some time to come, although it should be remembered that the income from our endowment available for this purpose has reached its limit.

Students

The student enrollment last fall was very satisfactory. It was at least 10 per cent in advance of the previous year, with 525 taking the regular academic courses. Of this total number, 175 have been taking the A. B. course, 16 the B. M. course, 13 have been specializing in public school music, 24 in physical education, 47 have been working for a B. S. in home economics and 22 for a B. S. in art education; 27 have enrolled in the secretarial department, and 1 in the new training course for nurses.

Most gratifying was the gain in the number of Seniors. Last year's graduating class numbered 29. This

Dr. A. E. Prince of Springfield, Ill., (Specialty Cataract) will see his Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat patients at the New Pacific Hotel the first Thursday of each month.

was the largest class in the history of the college up to that time. This year our graduates will number 41. And from the registrations already in for next year, it appears that next year's Senior class will be at least as large as this year's.

The Senior houses opened last fall have proved to be a great asset. Together they have accommodated 26 students. The West Senior House has been in charge of Professor Mary Johnston, and the East Senior House in charge of Mrs. Caroline M. Hart. The Seniors are unanimous in saying that living in these houses as a class has given them the most enjoyable year of their college lives.

The morals of the students has been excellent all through the year. The student organization, under the capable direction of its leaders, has done fine work. There have been no cases of serious discipline. No one has been expelled or suspended. The minor offenses which have been committed have been dealt with by the student organization with firmness and tact; and, it seems as though in every case, with a beneficial result upon both the offenders and the student body as a whole.

We are trying to place more and more responsibility upon the students. The only criticism I might make in this respect is that we probably still have too much paternalism—i. e. that not enough is left to the initiative of the students themselves.

The undergraduate publication, The Greetings, has been unusually well edited.

The moral and religious atmosphere of the College has been positive and stimulating. The Y. W. C. A. has been a vital force in the life of the students. Its meetings have not been largely attended, but its members have been active in various forms of service. Under the auspices of the association, a Student Volunteer Convention was held in February which was largely attended by delegates from Volunteer Bands from colleges and universities throughout the State and Eastern Missouri.

Art Department

Last year Illinois Woman's College had the honor of being selected by the Committee on Education of the American Institute of Architects, Washington, D. C., financed by the Carnegie Corporation as one of the 20 colleges in America to participate in a special art course given at the Chicago Art Institute from June 14 to July 9. Miss Mary Wadsworth, an instructor in our Art Department, represented our colleges at this course. We have again been asked to make one of the group at the Institute to be held July 7 to August 15 at Harvard University, and we shall accept the invitation.

Department of Speech

I am incorporating in my report part of a communication which I have received from our Department of Speech:

"The Department of Speech is in need of adequate room. We have only one studio which we can call our own although we have a full-fledged department of college work offering a major or minor toward an A. B. degree. At least 70 students were enrolled in the department this year. The two instructors of the department taught 15 hours of class work and 19 hours of private lessons the first semester. In addition to this, recitals were held regularly, debates and plays were coached. The year's receipts from the private lessons alone will amount to about \$1,750.

"We need a building with proper acoustics where our entire work may be conducted without interfering with other departments and vice versa.

"First: We need two studios where each teacher can meet her classes and private students, hold conferences, and do any rehearsing or practicing she desires at any time.

"Second: We need practice rooms for the students. This year at least 40 students were required to do daily oral practice, which is disturbing to students and faculty of the dormitories; hence, they are permitted to practice there only during the free hours. They like to enjoy free hours, too, besides the confusion at this time is not a satisfactory atmosphere for reading literature. Four rooms of adequate size in the Music Hall, including the studio, were available in the evenings only, and two of these rooms at times were in use for play rehearsals, which interfered with daily practice.

"Third: We need a Recital Hall, or Little Theatre Auditorium that is available at all times for our department, where the confusion and noises are eliminated, such as is encountered in Main Hall, Music Hall and the Gymnasium. Play rehearsing requires a set stage. This facility would eliminate much extra work and worry of the coach in having to overcome so many obstacles and contentions.

"Fourth: A shop is needed for the course in Stage Craft. Students in other colleges are learning today to make and paint the flats for stages, as well as the various stage furnishings and costumes. We need a place for storing such furnishings and costumes, so they may not disappear or be destroyed.

"We are looking forward with interest to the new Science Hall where the other departments will be comfortably installed. We are hoping that due consideration may be given

to the Department of Speech according to the position we hold in college life. We are hoping that the report that the Power House may be remodelled and be made into a Hall of Speech, may become a fact; and that our department may have a home of its own on the campus of Illinois Woman's College, as we feel it justly deserves."

Through the generosity of Mrs. MacMurray, a post office was installed last summer in the basement of the main building. Each student and faculty member has been given a lock box to their very great convenience. Mrs. MacMurray also contributed funds for providing a large and attractively furnished social room for the town students in the main building.

Development Program

Undoubtedly the outstanding event of the year was the offer of the President of our board, Senator James E. MacMurray, of \$125,000 towards a fund to provide a new Science Hall and a new Power House. Mr. MacMurray's gift was made on condition that a like amount be contributed by the other friends of the college.

At a special meeting of the members of the Board last summer, Mr. MacMurray's offer was accepted. In the fall it was decided to conduct a campaign, not only to secure the amount needed to meet Mr. MacMurray's condition, but also to announce as widely as possible, a twenty-year program of development for the college.

The John Price Jones Corporation of New York was engaged to assist us. One of their representatives, Mr. David Q. Hammond, was with us to direct the campaign for about 17 weeks. As far as raising money was concerned, it was apparent from the start that it was not a good time. We were badly out of the Bicentennial Campaign; in fact, there were still on our books unpaid pledges in that amount amounting to more than \$80,000. In that campaign every alumnae and friend of the College was solicited and most of them contributed. This, of course, was a handicap; in addition, Central Illinois was in the midst of a financial depression, such as had not been known for many years, and I am sorry to say that the depression has continued until it is even worse now than ever. Excessive rains brought great floods and have made farming conditions exceedingly bad. It is estimated that 75 per cent of the land in this section is for sale at one-half its normal price, without any buyers.

Besides all this, we were unable to summon the Illinois Conference to our aid. Heretofore, our campaigns have been what might be called "church campaigns." In this instance, however, with the Illinois Wesleyan and the Wesley Foundation, both eager for campaigns of their own and with the ministers and churches still aching from the post-war series of drives, particularly those of the Centenary and the World Service, it was utterly impossible for us to count on any official or organized aid from the churches.

Nevertheless, we proceeded with our program and, on the whole, have done very well. In addition to Senator MacMurray's gift of \$125,000, we have secured 1,659 subscriptions totaling in amount \$34,975.82. Of this sum, a little over \$10,000 was subscribed in the city of Jacksonville. When called upon, the people of this city responded loyally and enthusiastically, subscribing an amount greatly in excess of what was thought to be possible when the campaign began.

We are deeply indebted to the local Chamber of Commerce and our local trustees for their assistance, and particularly to Edgar E. Crozier, who served as chairman and to whose able leadership was largely due the success of the effort.

The general campaign is by no means over; indeed as far as personal solicitations are concerned it may be said to have just begun. We are receiving new subscriptions every day. There is no doubt but that by the end of this calendar year we shall have secured \$250,000—the full amount for the first objective of our building program. In the meantime, we hope that we shall succeed in interesting new friends in the larger development of the College.

Field Agent

For a number of years we have had no financial agents in the field, soliciting funds for the College. The lack of such a worker has been particularly manifest in our present campaign, especially since other educational institutions of this Conference have had solicitors in the field for several years. To meet this situation, the Executive Committee recently authorized me to engage Rev. John O. Bolton who comes to us this month after four years of successful services of this kind at Baker University.

Publicity

The publicity which we have secured during this campaign so far, I think is of the greatest value. Thousands of circulars and letters have been sent out all through the State and especially in Chicago, setting forth the need for a strong woman's college in the Middle West and telling of our program for development during the next twenty years. We have had many letters from prominent people all over the country, commending our program. From the seed thus sown we should eventually reap a good harvest.

Another means of publicity which we have used during these months has been the daily and weekly papers of Illinois. In January a Press Club was organized among the students. The president of this club, Miss Margaret Quick, has proved most capable. Hundreds of news items have been returned to us from newspapers which have published the students' contributions. Several times we have

had pictures representing our college activities in the Chicago and St. Louis papers. A recent Sunday issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch gave a whole-page story of the efforts of one of our girls to earn her way through I. W. C.

We have recently had some good publicity from an exhibition which we put on in a booth at the Woman's World Fair in Chicago. The booth was most attractively decorated, the color scheme being yellow and blue, the College colors. On the walls of the booth were framed pictures of the College buildings, a group of pictures representing various college activities, and some interesting sample of drawings made by students in the Art Department. Professor Nellie A. Knopf was in Chicago for two days prior to the opening of the Fair and supervised the work of decorating the booth. Thousands of leaflets and circulars setting forth the history, achievements, and needs of Illinois Woman's College were distributed. The directors of the Fair expressed themselves as being of the opinion that no exhibition was more appropriate among the several hundred others in this versatile laboratory of women's occupations.

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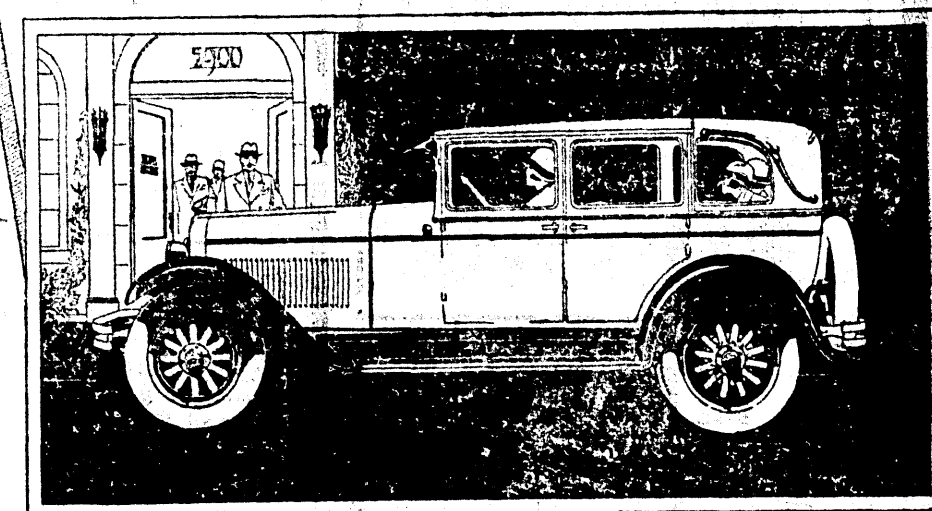
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